

BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A terminal used for authentication is equipped with a biometric data storing unit for storing therein various kinds of biometric data associated with the user of the terminal, and a sensor for acquiring biometric data. When transmission of the biometric data necessary for authentication is requested from an authentication device, the user's biometric data is entered through the sensor and, after the user's identify has been authenticated at the terminal, the biometric data requested by the authentication device is retrieved, from the biometric data storing unit, and transmitted to the authentication device.